



UGIP Grant Application Utah Grazing Improvement Program Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

This application is a “work in progress” and is subject to change by the Project Criteria Committee of the State Grazing Advisory Board.

Selection of successful proposals will be largely up to: (1) The Regional Grazing Advisory Boards and, (2) The State Grazing Board.

After initial screening of projects, you may be invited to present your proposed plan before the Regional Grazing Advisory Board. We hope to receive more money next year, so if your project doesn’t receive funding in this round it may qualify for next years funding.

The goal is to keep this process “Grass-roots” driven and as simple and effective as possible and we will learn how to better do that over time.

Any questions should be directed to **Dave Cook**, the new UGIP staff person who has had considerable experience with project planning and implementation.

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Information and Instructions:

Projects can include any restoration work that will improve rangeland health, productivity, and management. Examples: elimination of invasive species, reseeding, livestock water development and improvements, fencing, grazing management planning, and any other project that improves watershed and rangeland health/production while improving the profitability of Utah livestock producers.

Project goals and objectives (objectives have measurable results) are required for each project. A range monitoring protocol lasting up to 10 years (depending on the size and nature of the project), will also be required. Project objectives, and effective monitoring methods to measure progress toward them, will be important for project approval. Monitoring can be by the rancher or as agreed upon by an approved specialist. Annual data reporting will be required. (Quality monitoring is an excellent management tool for the rancher as well as a way for UDAF to report the success of the UGIP program to the legislature and public.)

Large projects may require the help of a rangeland planner or specialist. If you need help finding planning expertise contact Dave Cook who will be able to help you find the needed assistance.

The Enabling Act that created GIP has legislative intent that the producer will pay a significant portion of any project. If a project is approved that has no other cost share, GIP can pay up to 50% of the cost. If another entity such as NRCS, BLM, or UPCD are participants in a project, GIP can cost share not to preclude the producer from paying at least 25% on private land or 12.5% on public land. Producer participation can be in cash or in-kind. Low interest ARDL loans through UDAF are available for the private match.



GIP Project Application Form

Producers Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip

Contact Info: Home _____ Work _____
Cell _____ Email _____

Project Name _____

Project Location (Section, Township, & Range):

Is the project on: Private Land _____ % BLM _____ %
Forest Service _____ % State _____ %

Project Objectives: (describe how the results will be measured. In addition identify any public benefit: reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and quantity, wildlife species benefited, reduced threat of invasive species, reduced catastrophic wildfire risk, etc.

Example:	Objective	Measurement
	Increased Profit	Greater weaning wt/improved preg rate
	More AUM's	Clip and weigh/number of cow days
	Benefits Sage Grouse	DWR - Lek counts

Utah GIP is interested in pioneering a method toward "management based incentives" rather than projects. If you have a situation where measurable objectives and monitoring could be focused on management rather than just projects, we would appreciate the opportunity to explore this option with you)

Project Description: (provide a map and do a written description of the elements of the project)

Example: Disk and seed 200 acres of sage brush. Make two more pastures with 1.5 miles of fence. Add ½ mile of pipeline and two troughs to provide stock water for the two new pastures. (more detail would be helpful along with the map)

Long term management plan: (How will the project area be managed to maintain the project investment?

What resources might you need in the future - technical, financial, equipment, etc.? Also remember that any projects on public land will require a long-term maintenance agreement with the agency. Regional Grazing Boards may be able to provide maintenance assistance through the refund money that comes to them annually as a refund on the AUM fee.)

Project Timetable: (When will it begin, what are the steps, and when will it be completed?)

Project Estimated Cost: (Projects with the most favorable cost/benefit may receive priority)

Other sources of cost-share toward the project: (Include the source, percent, and amount)

Amount requested from UGIP:

Monitoring & Reporting Proposal: (Example: Rancher will self monitor using “Land EKG” and will provide the data to GIP annually. Contact Dave or Bill for help or suggestions if you have questions.)

Outreach and Public Relations: (Would you be willing to have your project or operation used as a learning tool for other landowners or agency personnel?)

***Remember to attach a map of the project area.**

***Use additional pages or space if needed.**

***For help in filling out this application or for questions contact Dave Cook – phone# 801-538-4952. You may also contact Bill Hopkin if Dave is not available. Phone# 801-538-4927.**

***Mail completed applications to:**

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